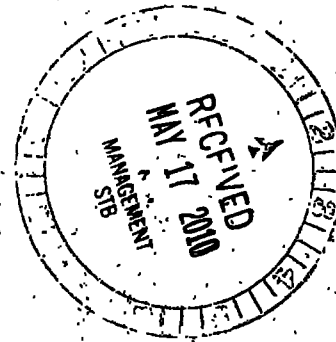


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Acting Secretary Anne Quinlan

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSXT- Abandonment Exemption – in Preston County, WV

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Friends of the Cheat, Inc. requests a 180 day extension, or until Nov. 3, 2010, of NITU status on a CSX corridor referred to as from Rowlesburg to Camp Dawson, beginning at BAJ 0.0 to ending point BAJ 9.78 both in Preston County. This follows current extension of NITU dated Nov. 8, 2009 and expiring May 6, 2010.

CSX Transportation, Inc. continues to express willingness to negotiate a sale of the above listed property and NITU status will facilitate this process. Friends of the Cheat is evaluating past appraisals performed on this stretch and exploring the need for a new appraisal to settle a price for which funding should be available.

CSXT has authorized FOC to file this request for extension and will file a letter of concurrence. Therefore, Friends of the Cheat respectfully request the NITU negotiation period be extended as set forth in the Extension Request.

Enclosed is filing fee of \$450.00. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 304-329-3621 or email at [dave@cheat.org](mailto:dave@cheat.org)

Sincerely,

Dave Bassage  
Interim Director

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cc: Bruce McMahon, CSX Real Property